

TWO OUTLAWS DID THE WORK.

The Holdup Near Williamsville the Most
Daring Since the Days of Jesse James

St. Louis, Mo., March 28.—The California express, the Iron Mountain, which was held up by two masked robbers, one mile this side of Williamsville, Mo., about midnight last night, reached here this forenoon several hours late.

According to the trainmen, the hold-up was one of the most daring that has occurred since the time of the Jesse James gang. The two men took complete possession of the train and held it for several hours.

The passengers at the time of the robbery consisted of Winchester and Colton, who were in charge of the train, and a few other passengers.

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THE STATE RESTS.

PROSECUTION CLOSES ITS EVIDENCE AGAINST THE TAYLOR BROTHERS.

A STRONG CASE MADE OUT.

PATHETIC SCENES ENACTED IN THE COURT ROOM DURING THE DAY.

In the Midst of It All the Two Men Charged With the Terrible Butchery Sat Un- moved and Indifferent to the Accusations Recalling the Horrible Crime.

Carrollton, Mo., March 28.—(Special.) The interest in the Taylor trial was unabated when court opened this morning, the room being crowded with anxious spectators.

The two defendants in the case still possessed that indifferent bearing which has characterized them since the beginning of the trial.

The state began the proceedings by the introduction of M. S. Burdett, a blacksmith, who said two days before the murder, Bill Taylor went to his shop and hired a man to kill Gus Meeks.

"Yes, and I know what he is back for, and he will get what he came back for," said Taylor. Burdett said Taylor spoke in an angry tone and his eyes twinkled.

"What do you mean when you say his eyes twinkled?" asked Lawyer Hale.

"Why, you know, Bill Taylor's eyes do look pretty sharp when he is mad," said the witness.

D. C. Pierce swore that soon before the Meeks murder George Taylor told him, while talking over the cattle case in which Meeks was expected to testify against them.

"We'll get the fellow out of the way. He'll never testify against us."

A. R. Dillinger testified that he had a conversation with Bill Taylor, in which he said that he would see that Gus Meeks would be killed before he would allow him to testify.

John Carter was then put on the stand. It was to her house that Nellie Meeks went when she crawled out of the strawstack the morning after the tragedy.

She is 53 years old, and lives with her son Frank, whose farm adjoins George Taylor's, and whose house is 175 yards from the straw stack, where the dead bodies of the Meeks family were found.

On the morning of May 11 she arose at 4 o'clock and prepared breakfast for her son, who then went to a distant field to finish planting some corn.

"Between 5 and 6 o'clock," she went on, "I heard a peculiar cry outside the house. I listened and when it was repeated I recognized it as the wailing of a child. I opened the kitchen door and saw a little girl walking towards me."

"Hello, where do you come from?" she said. "I slept in the hay stack," where at 7 o'clock, "Right out yonder," and the child pointed in the direction of the stack over in the middle of George Taylor's plowed field."

Mrs. Carter said the child was crying and held one hand to the side of her face, which was bleeding. The child continued sobbing and said: "My little sister is out in the straw stack. Please come and help me get her out."

"An eye on the child's hair was thick with clotted blood, and her face and clothes, too, "Oh, it was horrible," she went on, and the tears streamed down her cheeks. The child said her name was Nettie Meeks, and her father and mother and little Hattie and Mamie, the baby, were out in the stack with blood all over their clothes."

Mrs. Carter said her son, Jimmie Carter, 9 years old, to see if there were any bodies in the straw, and she stood at the door and watched him. She saw George Taylor harrow the stack, and the straw went to him and Taylor stopped the harrow and went to the stack and took the boy with him. In a few moments they came back and the boy said that he had found a body in the straw stack, and she went to the fence and watched them. She saw Nettie dig in the straw, and then she saw her mother and father and little Hattie and Mamie and the baby, and she saw them all with blood all over their clothes."

The scene in the court room at this point was very pathetic. The silence was intense, broken only by the sobbing of the witness and the suppressed breathing of the vast audience. Strong men were seen to wipe the moisture from their eyes as they listened to the story of the crime.

During the testimony of the child, presented by the witness, the Taylors sat unmoved and with stolid indifference depicted upon their faces.

Mrs. Carter was asked if she saw in the court room the child who came to her house on the morning the bodies were found, and she pointed to Nettie and called her child to her. She went to the woman's house and the child, the adduced witness, Tam O'Shanter, came and looked at the child in the crown of her head. "Yes," she said, "this is the same little girl who came to my house that morning."

There was the utmost interest manifested in the appearance of the little girl in the court room and it was some time before quiet was restored.

The next witness was Mrs. Carter's son, Jimmie, who said that when he started for the strawstack he found George Taylor harrowing, and told him a little girl had found some dead people in the straw stack. He asked Taylor to go and help him find them, but he refused to do so.

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STOP THE GAMBLING.

WILL MAYOR DAVIS DO HIS WHOLE DUTY NOW?

GAMBLING HOUSES ARE VISITED.

THE LIST IS IN THE HANDS OF RE- SPECTABLE CITIZENS.

A CHANCE TO BENEFIT THE POOR

THE "JOURNAL" MAKES AN OFFER OF PROOF OF FACTS.

The Position of the Mayor and Chief of Police Places Them in an Unenvi- able Light Before the Law- Abiding Citizens.

For years the Journal has been fighting against gambling and all other forms of law breaking in Kansas City. In this fight it has had in opposition to it the guardians of the law as well as the other newspapers of the city. When the Republican administration took the reins of government it was supposed that the moral and physical support of that administration would be given to the newspaper which stood on the side of decency, morality and law and order.

Some days ago the Journal published a local article which showed that gambling was going on in several parts of the city, boldly, in spite of the continued protestations of the chief of police to the contrary. There was no intention of waging war on either the police force or the administration, but the chief of police took it as a direct attack upon him and replied in the usual characteristic manner of men who are cornered. He denounced the article as a newspaper "fake."

In substantiation the Journal offered to place at the disposal of the chief a list of gambling houses in Kansas City where games were running "wide open" if he would promise to close them. There was no request from the chief for the list and, after waiting a time in patience, the Journal printed, yesterday morning, the following editorial:

"Some days ago the chief of police denounced an article in the Journal relative to gambling in Kansas City as a 'fake.' The Journal offered to furnish the chief with a list of gambling rooms if he would promise to suppress them."

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